



Town of Mashpee

*16 Great Neck Rd North
Mashpee, MA 02649*

PRESS RELEASE

Town of Mashpee Interpretive Nature Tours March 2024

The Mashpee Conservation Department is continuing its schedule of free Naturalist-guided tours of Mashpee's unique and diverse conservation areas. Many nature programs are designed for children and their families. Further information can be obtained from the Mashpee Conservation Department at 539-1400, ext. 8540, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or on Mashpee Conservation Lands on the Town of Mashpee website. Tours may be canceled in the event of stormy weather.

Saturday, March 2 - 9:00 a.m. *Santuit Pond Preserve Park*

Take a naturalist guided walk exploring the incredibly diverse and spectacular habitats such as vernal pools, upland forest, herring run, freshwater marsh, river and abandoned cranberry bogs at **Santuit Pond Preserve**. Directions: **Santuit Pond Preserve** is located on Route 130 in Mashpee. The Address is 117 Main Street.

Saturday, March 9 - 9:00 a.m. *Cottonwood Trail Hike*

Join us for a hike along the Mashpee River Woodlands, Cottontail Trail. This trail was created for the protection of our native New England Cottontail. Directions: Meet at the **Mashpee River Woodlands Cottontail Trail parking lot**. Directions: Heading south from Route 28, take Old Barnstable Road, which is a one-way road. Old Barnstable Road is just before the Mashpee Rotary. The parking area, which has a kiosk and signage, is located on your right.

Saturday, March 16 – 9:00 a.m. *Natural History of the Mashpee River Woodlands*

Explore the pine-oak woodlands and spectacular Mashpee River in this natural history tour at the **Mashpee River Woodlands (South)**. Directions: From the Mashpee Rotary, take Route 28 towards Hyannis. Take first right onto Quinaquisset Ave., then right on Mashpee Neck Road. South parking area is approximately 1 mile on the right at Mashpee River Woodlands sign.

Saturday, March 23 - 9:00 a.m. *Santuit Pond Preserve Park*

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Saturday, March 30 – 9:00 a.m. *Diverse Habitats River Hike*

Take a natural history excursion into the varied and diverse habitats, and search for bird life living in the **Mashpee River Woodlands (West)**. Meet at the **Mashpee River Woodlands (West)**. Directions: From the Mashpee Rotary, take Great Neck Road South. Turn left onto River Road. Park at the end of the paved road on the left.